(b) whether any monitoring is made from time to time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) has provided Rs. 728.89 crores under 2391 schemes for assisting 2,57,022 beneficiaries (2,18,773 SCs and 38,249 STs) up to March 2001. Besides, the Corporation assisted organization of 251 Skill Training Programmes at an expense of Rs. 2.43 crores for benefiting 10,381 persons.

Under Micro Credit Scheme introduced in 2000-2001, for providing small loans, the Corporation has disbursed Rs. 15.03 crores to 27,280 beneficiaries (22,945 SCs and 4335 STs).

(b) and (c) The Corporation monitors its programmes / schemes in the following manner:

(i) Allocation of fund is conveyed to the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) at the beginning of the financial year.

(ii) Utilisation of fund by the SCAs is being monitored through periodic meetings with them by officers of the Corporation.

(iii) Officials of the Corporation undertake periodic field visits.

In addition Government also monitors activities of the Corporation in the following manner:—

(i) The Government has executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NSFDC fixing targets for various parameters for each year since 2000-2001.

(ii) Achievement made by NSFDC against the target is monitored from time to time.

Estimation of Disabled Population

2991. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of disabled were estimated to be

three per cent of the total population and in the Ninth Five Year Plan Rs. 200 crores has been earmarked for them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of disabled would increase during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, their percentage to the total population now; and

(d) the allocation proposed to be made for getting them a better deal in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) As per sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1991 approximately 5% of the population is estimated to be suffering from some kind of disability. This figure includes 3% mentally disabled persons. An out lay of Rs. 954.33 crores was approved in the Ninth Five Year Plan for disability sector.

(b) to (d) The trend in the increase or decrease in the number of persons with disabilities will be known after the result of Census of India 2001 is available. Allocations under the Tenth Five Year Plan have not yet been decided.

Violation of Adoption Laws by the NGOs

2992. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the several NGOs violating the Adoption law in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to regulate such NGOs and to protect the interests of orphans and destitute children in the country;

(c) whether Government have prepared any draft model rules for the States under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some States have not formulated their rules under the 1986 Act, and if so, the names of such States; and

(f) the reaction of Government in this regard?